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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA - KOREAN ISSUE AT UNGA

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1. DCM HAS PASSED THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DELAY UNTIL DEC 9 OF THE KOREAN VOTE TO SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TIBONE. WE ALSO REPORTED THE POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL VOTE ON THE AFTERNOON OF DEC 6.
2. TIBONE SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL BE RETURNING DEC 7. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO THE MINISTER THEN TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE COMBINATION OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NORTH KOREA AND VOTING IN NORTH KOREA'S FAVOR AT THE UN.
3. THE DCM ENCOURAGED TIBONE TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
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PROCEDURAL QUESTION. TIBONE DEMURRED, SAYING THAT FOR HIM

TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION WOULD IN FACT AMOUNT TO CHANGING INSTRUCTIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

4. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED BRITISH HEAD OF CHANCERY SCANLON OF THE VOTE DEFERMENT. SCANLON DID NOT INDICATE WHAT POSSIBLE ACTION HE MIGHT TAKE ON THE BASIS OF THE DELAY.

5. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF TIBONE'S INTENTION TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AGAIN, WE DOUBT WHETHER GOB WILL REVERSE ITS DECISION ON KOREA ISSUE IN VIEW OF (A) PRESIDENT'S CURRENT PREOCCUPATION WITH SENSITIVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, (B) STRONG SUPPORT BY HIS COLLEAGUES FROM ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA ON "NON-ALIGNED ISSUES", (C) DESIRE PRESIDENT MAINTAIN HIS CREDIBILITY IN OAU AND OTHER AFRICAN FORA, (D) MATERIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING LIBERATION GROUPS SOUTHERN AFRICA. HOWEVER, A STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM BOTSWANA'S PERM REP AT UN FOR RECONSIDERATION COULD BE HELPFUL AS PRESIDENT SEEMS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HIS VIEWS.

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